

**Minutes Of The
Tyler Rural Settlement District Plan Task Force Meeting
Of August 31, 2005**

Location: Blackacre State Nature Preserve

Time: 3:00 PM

Task Force Members Present:

Charlie Gary
Stephen Porter
David Kaelin
Carolyn Cromer
Councilman Stuart Benson

Staff and/or Consultants

Present:

Chris French, AICP, PDS
Steve Sizemore, Planner I, PDS
John Carman, John Carman & Associates
Kevin Warner, John Carman & Associates

Agenda Item No. 1 – Introductions

Chris French welcomed all in attendance and introduced the consultants, John Carman and Kevin Warner of John Carman & Associates. The task force members introduced themselves to the consultants and described who they represent.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Review Vision Statement

Kevin Warner reviewed the vision statement previously drafted by the task force and PDS staff. Following the review, the task force confirmed the vision statement. In the midst of this discussion, Charlie Gary requested that the meeting notes be sent to task force shortly after the meeting for those who couldn't attend to review and provide comment. He also added that it would be helpful to have an agenda at least 5 days prior to the meeting (i.e. the Friday before the next meeting) for those who can't attend can also provide feedback.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Site Analysis & Assessment

Mr. Warner presented a series of analysis maps including property and land use, natural features, infrastructure and utilities, and historic and cultural entities. The task force discussed the importance of including the Robert Tyler farm boundaries as well as the need to include a thorough as possible analysis of historical roads to consider as part of a potential recreational network. Steve Sizemore agreed to work with Richard Jett from PDS staff to research this further.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Set Priorities and Discuss Subcommittees

Mr. Warner reviewed a list of preliminary priorities, reflecting ideas from the vision statement and task force work to date. The priorities are broken down into three categories of Land use/Community Form, Mobility, and Special District Design. The priorities were:

Land Use/Community Form

- Preserve existing rural residential land use

- Protect existing nature preserve land use
- Support growth and development that is sensitive and compatible with the natural and rural character
- Emphasize single-family residential development in the form of conservation subdivisions that keep densities low and preserve the rural, natural and cultural character of the area
- Promote future development that enhances the existing neighborhood community form and furthers the 'Active Living' goal of a healthy and active community
- Encourage mixed-use centers in the development or redevelopment of commercial properties in order to provide live/work opportunities.

Mobility

- Maintain and enhance rural character of Tucker Station Road as a primary corridor
- Provide future infrastructure for all modes of transportation, including sidewalks, bike trails, and bus routes
- Pursue connections with park land corridors, including Floyd's Fork
- Improve intersection of Tucker Station and Taylorsville Roads

Special District Design

- Preserve and enhance historic properties and structures
- Guide the pattern and character of development with standards for green space/open space corridors, streams, wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, historic buildings and appropriate land use transitions
- Encourage the development or redevelopment of commercial properties in a manner consistent with the intent to preserve the rural and natural character of the area and the integration thereof
- Respect individual property rights through a decision-making process that includes strong community participation

Task force members expanded discussion on the Tucker Station and Taylorsville intersection and whether a light at that intersection would create more traffic down Tucker Station because of ease of a left-hand turn at light. John Carman asked whether residents of the area would be more concerned with the type of traffic or volume of traffic. Although there was not a consensus on this question, everyone agreed that future analysis of infrastructure should extend beyond the District boundary to consider the larger context of the surrounding area.

After the Special District Design priorities were discussed, Mr. Warner proposed the idea of subcommittees to work on specific aspects of the priorities and the need to involve more non-task force feedback. The main priority item needing further feedback was agreed to as the special district design. As an alternative to this, Mr. Carman suggested the task force invite residents from subdivisions within the Tyler District boundary for the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Schedule of Future Efforts

Mr. Carman expressed the need for more time to prepare for the next task force meeting and requested moving the date back to October 12th and PDS suggested having it at the Jeffersontown branch of the Public Library. Task force members agreed with this and PDS staff stated they would make these arrangements and communicate with the task force.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.